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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: UNIFIL: COORDINATION WITH ARAFAT

REF: JERUSALEM 887

1. JERUSALEM OR BEIRUT SHOULD GET THE WORD TO UNTSO CHIEF
OPERATIONS OFFICER LT. COL. POTTER THAT HE SHOULD NOT RPT
NOT ACCOMPANY ERSKINE OR OTHER UN OR UNIFIL REPRESENTATIVES

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TO MEETINGS WITH ARAFAT. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT HE IS A
U.S. OFFICER DETAILED TO UNTSO, AND THEREBY CARRIES OUT
ORDERS OF HIS UN COLLEAGUES ON UN BUSINESS, USG POLICY
REMAINS ONE OF NO CONTACT, NEGOTIATION, OR RECOGNITION OF
THE PLO. COL. POTTER'S PRESENCE IN A NEGOTIATING SESSION
WITH ARAFAT WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH USG POLICY AND, IN
ADDITION, COULD CAUSE NEEDLESS COMPLICATIONS AND MIS-

UNDERSTANDINGS IN ISRAEL AT A SENSITIVE TIME IN U.S./ISRAELI RELATIONS. IT COULD ALSO JEOPARDIZE POTTER'S LIAISON ACTIVITIES WITH ISRAELIS.

2. CONGEN NEWLIN SHOULD EXPLAIN OUR PROBLEM TO SIILVASUO AND REQUEST HIS COOPERATION.

3. THIS POSITION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY DEFENSE DEPARTMENT. VANCE

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